Another book I read was "The House of Exile" by Nora Waln, a story of residence in China, which now seems infinitely remote. One striking phrase that reoccurs in the book is the expression used about a person who had died: "He has plucked the flower of life."

I have found most useful another book which I have not yet finished, by Samson, "Anatomy of Britain". It is a thorough treatment of how the British Government, business, the professions, and other mainsprings of British political and social life are animated.

October 19, 1962 - Friday

I paid a return call on the High Commissioner of India this morning. He has many friends in America, and is an exceptionally [redacted] good conversationalist.

On the way back I stopped off at a print shop in Leicester Square to make [redacted] purchases.

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After lunch at the office I had a visit from Buck Crawford, who has just returned here from Scotland.

Findley Burns brought Miss Westbrook, newly assigned [redacted] to meet me.

We had cocktails at the residence this evening for:

Mrs. Ethel Linder Reiner (US theater and music producer, sister of Harold Linder)
Mrs. "Tommy" Davies
Mr. Joseph Cole
Professor and Mrs. Arthur Wright (Professors of Chinese History at Yale, introduced by Chester Bowles)
Mr. Philip Brooks (referred by President Truman)
Mr. Cornelius Ryan (Author of "The Longest Day")
Mrs. Whalen Coppedge, Mrs. David Jackson, Mrs. Frances Hillard, and Mrs. Frances Ripley (referred by Senator Smathers)